LESLIE GARDNER

Has been driving a Red Cross am-

SKETCHED VERDUN BATTLE

Wrecked by German Shell

RICHMOND NOW A BAPTIST

Stormy Petrel of the Episcopal

Church Assails Bishop

The Rev. George Chalmers Rich

STOTESBURY MAY HAVE TO TESTIFY

Coal Consumers' League Decides to Subpoena Financier in Coal Tax Probe

MORGAN WANTED ALSO

Schuylkill Prosecutors Threaten to Rip Lid Off Whole Mining Business

Pettaville, Ps., Dec. 24.
Edward T. Stotesbury, president of
the Philadelphia and Reading Rallway,
and J. P. Morgan, the New York financler, will be subpensed to testify in
court here as to the value of lands of
the Schuylkill County coal fields. The
anthracite consumers' league has de-

cided that their testimony is vital to the successful prosecution of their case. There is a difference of nearly \$500,-000,000 between the valuation of the coal lands made by the mining engineers employed by the Tax Revision League and the figures set down by the coal companies. It has been decided, therefore, to get the prices of coal lands

ness.

It is doubtful if a Pennsylvania court can compet the attendance of Mr. Morgan in a civil proceeding, inasmuch as he is a resident of another State, and the league proposes to serve papers on him, in which it will be stated what it expects to prove by his testimony. Fallure to respond will place Morgan in the same position as any defendant in a civil action when court gives judgment in default of appearance.

The league also proposes by proceedings in equity, in the name of taxpayers of Schujkill County, to inquire of these financial magnates why eight cents per ton is collected from the public on each ton of coal sold, for the ostensible purpose of paying taxes, when that money, with the exception of only a small fraction of a cent on each ton, is not turned over to the public treasury in the coal.

with the exception of only a small frac-tion of a cent on each ton, is not turned over to the public treasury in the coal region, which is the only place a coal company would be liable to taxation.

ployes are today receiving their monthend pay checks. The sums range from White, which will draft the proposed the big payments to Mayor Smith, Sheriff Ransley and other heads to the semi-monthly pay of \$600 apprentices and cleaners. Payments will be made in ex-

Cess of \$500,000.

Christmas this year finds the average municipal employe well able to meet the holiday expenses because of the heavy bonus payments exceeding a total of \$700,000 paid them a week are. Coming

past and in most cases employes were only asked to contribute out of only asked to contribute out of their plenty a small sum for flowers, with which City Hall was well filled today. The last of the yearly payments is being made by Controller Walton in accordance with resolutions passed by Councils yesterday.

PRAISE FOR NUNS

Teachers at Ascension Parochial School Commended for Fire Drill

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The sisters in charge of the Ascension parochial school. G and Westmoreland streets, are receiving commendation on the manner in which they got the children out of the school during a fire last Wednesday.

There were 1500 boys and girls at their studies when the blaze was discovered and in less than five minutes hey were all out in the street. There was no panic, and the children were not aware of the fire until they had been assembled in front of the building.

According to school officials, parochial and public, the practical demonstration of the fire drill at the Ascension school was the first of its kind in Kensington.

FAVORS BIG NAVY

Fleet Official Urges It for Merchant Marine Police Duty

Marine Police Duty
Howard W. Coonley, vice president of
he Emergency Fleet Corporation, speaking individually, said he favors confruction of an American navy great
mough to be able to render sufficient
piles duty to the merchant marine that
is said this nation will build.

"By that I don't mean we should try
o outstrip Great Britain, either in a
merchant marine, or in naval strength,
think we should have snough merhant shims it waves, built in our own
and and flying own own fing to carry



SERGEANT HARRY T. MITCHELL how gas mask respirator saved his life

GAS MASK SAVES HIS LIFE

Harry T. Mitchell Gets Only tered out. Flesh Wound in Chest

from first sources and to examine with detail into the financial deals of late years pertaining to the anthracite busi-

CARDS TO SAFETY EMPLOYES

Members of the charter revision sub-

The subcommittee expects to hold fre-

to be "messenger boys for the people.

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dinner demands

Service Men" Request ommittee, headed by Thomas Raeburn new city charter, have begun shaping time opposed the administration of Mayor Smith, he yesterday forwarded a com-munication to the city's Chief Execu-tive, in which he commended that official littee on charter revision after for advising citizens not to furnish in

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HOME CHRISTMAS FOR WAR HEROES

Holiday Furloughs Cheer Wounded and Convalescent Soldier Boys

PRAISE AMERICAN GIRLS

Private Baker, Veteran of Chateau - Thierry, Lauds French Hospital Nurses

Christmas is bringing great numbers wounded and convalescent soldiers Philadelphia, either on a furlough ome or stopping off for a few trains route to some camp.

Their wound stripes were more than conspicuous even in the dense holiday throngs at the railroad terminals. One of the wounded men who arrived just in time to spend his Christmas with the home folk was Private James Baker, of 661 North Eleventh street. He eaves soon for Camp Meade to be mus

"I take off my hat to the American A machine-gun bullet struck Sergeant
Harry T. Mitchell, a former newspaper
man of this city, full in the chest as he
was racing through enemy wire en-

Pottsville, Pa., his home, was cited for bravery on the Chateau Thierry front, where he was wounded on August 8. A high explosive shell took his arm off clean. He is all right now except for a egion, which is the only place a coal cards are company would be liable to taxation.

The fact that 8 per cent per ton is Director Wilson Extends Greet- from the arm. He felt it under the ribs

Despite the fact that the Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, chairman of the National commission of the Inter-Church Federa-ion of Philadelphia, has from time to

municipal employe well able to meet the holiday expenses because of the heavy bonus payments exceeding a total of \$709,000 paid them a week ago. Coming as it did between the two December payments it left most with a balance most unusual at this time.

The regular first pay in December was distributed eight days ago and about the same time the half-year 10 per cent bonus authorized by Council was paid to most of the 13,541 beneficiaries under the system. The exception to the general payment was some per diem men whose pay roll estimate had not been completed.

Presents to departmental heads by office forces was discouraged this year because of adverse comment in the past and in most cases employee were only asked to contribute out of their



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Shipping Board Head's Extended Stay in Paris Indicates Plan

TALKS WITH PRESIDENT

Would Help Solve Labor Problem by Giving Work to Many Shipbuilders

American shippards may build \$00,000 tons of ships for the French merchant. fleet, which is planned to be three times as great as it was before the war.

It is understood the French building program calls for 6,000,000 tons within the next three years. Orders for 500,000 tons already have been placed in British The increase is said to be due largely

ports will become the centers of the commercial penetration of Europe in-stead of the North Sea ports. This is indicated in cable dispatches from Paris, announcing that Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board, is now in Paris in con-

ference with President Wilson on the

The fact that Mr. Hurley will remain in Paris for some time is taken to indi-cate that negotiations looking toward Artist-Chauffeur's Machine Was Private Leslie A. Gardner, who drove an ambulance in France during the last eleven months of the war, was an eye-witness of many thrilling experiences and escapes, but he took it all in with the admirable sangfroid of the typical American doughboy.

Once while diving along a France in the shipping.

American doughboy.

Once, while driving along a French road near the front, he heard a huge shell approaching, but he did not jump for cover. Instead, he reached for his camera and snapped a picture of the projectile as it burst 150 feet away.

Another time a German shell passed completely through his machine, but he was unharmed.

French shipping.

Yards Prepared

Many ways that were built to construct tonnage for the war emergency could be used to good advantage, they said. It was pointed out that all big yards are at or near the peak of their production, and can care for additional contracts.

Gardner, who is an artist, sketched sallent features of the scene as the battle of Verdun was raging. This drawing he has sent home to his uncle and aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bottger, 311 Linden avenue, Riverton, with whom he makes his home. A brother, Grandville Gardner, is in the navy.

Browner of the workmen that may have to leave the yards because of cancellation of contracts for ships for American convenies.

Before he sailed for France Mr. Hur-

The Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, after a long and stormy war with dignitaries of the Episcopal Church here. The remainded to remain in Paris only a short time.

Changed His Plans

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Now, after conferreing with President Wilson, he has decided to remain longer, leading to the belief that a contract with the copal Church," said Mr. Richmond, "is because it is not democratic and is out of touch with the new movements of the day. I cannot believe in a church which is as undemocratic as the Episcopalian. I call Bishop Rhinelander a Tory, because I believe he, works for the interest of England and not America, and I no longer can respect his position. As to the House of Bishops, it is a dishonest body."

With this parting attack, Mr. Richmond announced he would preach his position.

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J. HERMAN JACOBS

Word has been received that J. Herman Jacobs, 1907 North Eighth street, has been commissioned a sec-ond lieutenant in the Ordnance Department at Camp Hancock, Lieutenant Jacobs enlisted in March in the ordnance corps. He was assigned to the special training com-pany at State College and then to Camp Hancock. He is now a mili-

Private Blau Writes of Experience

fore he same, cas interpreted as openinto agreement to bulld ships to into agreement to bulld ships to eign power until after the peace attes had been signed. At the time bobbed up and we intended to remain in Paris only a free on and sank it also."

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pany Makes Unusual Gift pany Makes Unusual Gift
Fourteen hundred employes of the
Franklin Sugar Refining Company received an unexpected Christmas gift today, when each was presented with a
life insurance policy ranging in value
from \$500 to \$1000, depending upon the
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in the service of the company for three
months or more. This plan will bring
Christmas cheer to 10,000 employes of
the company throughout the country.

"Pride of and loyalty to the company
cannot fail to be a result of this gift,
the cost of which will run into many
tens of thousands of dollars anneally."
said Earl D. Babst, president, in ansnouncing the gift.

tary instructor at the camp

Aboard Transport Olympia
The transport Olympia, which carried

American Sugar Refining Com-

HOLIDAY MAIL HERE **BIGGEST IN HISTORY** All Records Smashed—Twenty-five Per Cent More Than **Highest Previous Season** Holiday mail records have been smashed to smithereens at the Postoffice An increase of nearly 25 per cent in the amount of all classes of incoming and outgoing mail through the Philadelphia Postoffices is the record for Christ mas, 1918. And this increase is not an

SAW THREE U-BOATS SINK

increase over normal mail, but one that

surpasses by that percentage the records of any previous hollday season. This statement was made by Assistant Postmaster Lister, and was confirmed and corroborated by Thomas P. Johnson,

superintendent of mails.
"Regardless of the enormous amount of mail that has been handled, we had no congestion until this afternoon," declared Mr. Lister, "but in two or three hours we had cleaned it out and order was restored."

Mr. Lister said that 1400 extra men had been added to the list of employes in the Central postoffice alone. Five hundred of these are soldiers and sailors about to be discharged from the service Mr. Johnson was enthusiastic concerning the manner holiday mail has been handled in Philadelphia this year. "It seems that the 2200 additional mail carriers that have been detailed for duty during the Christmas season was adequate and has assured prompt deliveries," said Mr. Johnson.

ENEMY ALIEN BAN ORDERED LIFTED AS AN XMAS GIFT

All Pass Restrictions Removed and Those Listed May Travel at Will

Effective Christmas Day, enforcement ill be discontinued of all regulations affecting the conduct of male and female German enemy aliens, except those re strictions which apply to the entry and departure from the country and those affecting the internment of dangerous

The effect of the Attorney General's order in this city will be to establish a peace basis at heretofore barred and restricted zones. About 11,900 German allens/vere registered here. There were 6500 men and 5400 women.

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